

hurt, but all were badly shocked by the lightning, and one was knocked to the ground in an unconscious state. After being removed to the house he recovered in a short time.

The two injured men examined Mr. Ware as soon as he fell, but from their first it was evident that there was no hope for him.

Yet Another Victim.
The correspondent at Charlotte, N. C., yesterday added to the long list, the following:
Mattie Green, a colored woman, was killed by lightning at her home, two miles north of the city.

The woman had been in the field at work all the morning. Shortly after 11 o'clock a cloud came up, and she started for the house. When only a short distance from her home, there came a blinding flash of lightning, followed by an unusual peal of thunder. The woman was seen to fall and when her friends ran to her, found her dead.

Several Objects Struck.
In this city the storm of the past few days has found inanimate targets, but in doing so alarmed a number of people. Monday afternoon a large mulberry tree at the corner of Church and Rowe streets, was struck by the electric fluid and cut off about eight or ten feet from the ground as clean as if a great axe had been swung against it. Fortunately no person was injured.

The same evening lightning struck the new residence of Mr. Smith, No. 228 West Gate Street, and knocked the top off of one of the substantial chimneys, but did no further damage than this, and the extinction of the electric lights. The electric fixtures in the Jenkins binery, near the Smith residence, were burned out about the same time. While no person has been killed, many have been severely alarmed by the severity of the lightning.

Much Damage by Winds.
The storms of both yesterday and the day before were accompanied by winds of unusual violence and severity, the air currents sometimes assuming a tortuous aspect and twisting branches from the trees and twirling the leaves downward in great showers. In many cases, large limbs were torn from the trunks, and in many cases, exposed fences yielded to the tremendous pressure of the wind and were prostrated. The intersection of Madison and Main Streets was again flooded. The flat portion of the field just west of the Vine Street car sheds of the Chesapeake and Potomac Company was inundated yesterday by the heavy downpour. No damage was done, but the water inundated the recently constructed auxiliary sheds.

Wire Service Deranged.
The winds yesterday afternoon seriously deranged the wire service of the telegraph companies. The wires of the telephone company, interfering materially with business. The Postal Telegraph Company last night reported: "We have no wires to Norfolk or Newport News." The Western Union said that their wire service, too, had been deranged. At midnight all wires were working and all damage had been repaired. Many telephones failed of the desired connection last night, as a result of the derangement of the wire service. A severe storm in every direction has been one of the severest of recent years.

HUGS HIS CHAGRIN, BUT NOT A TICKET

(Continued from First Page.)

mean very little, if any, progress on economic questions so long as the party is under the control of the Wall Street element.

"On the money question Mr. Parker is as thoroughly committed to the side of the financiers as Mr. Roosevelt. If he does not go as far, the Republicans would in retiring silver dollars, in establishing branch banks, in placing the money of the national banks, and in the substitution of an asset currency for the present currency, it will be restrained by the Democrats in the House and Senate. Nothing good can be expected of him on the money question."

"On the tariff question the Democratic platform is very much better than the Republican platform, but the nomination of Judge Parker virtually nullified the anti-tariff plank. Unless in his letter of acceptance he commits himself, to attempt anti-tariff legislation, we need not expect him to pursue a different course from that pursued by President Roosevelt."

"So far as the labor questions are concerned, we must await Judge Parker's letter before we shall know whether the laboring man has anything to expect from his election. The labor plank, as prepared by Judge Parker's friends of the subcommittee, was a straddling, meaningless plank. Full committee planks were adopted in favor of arbitration, the eight-hour day and again give by indirection also a plank on the Colorado situation. If Judge Parker is silent or ambiguous on these subjects, it will mean that the financial influences back of him will not let him take the labor side of these disputed questions."

"The tariff question, some little progress may be hoped for, but the Parker men on the committee were necessarily in favor of a very conservative tariff plank, and it remains to be seen whether Judge Parker will carry out the positive and definite plank which was submitted by the full committee."

Crooked and Indefensible Methods.

"This is the situation: Judge Parker stands for enough things that are good to justify me in giving him my vote, but as I have tried to point out for several months, the triumph of the Wall Street element of the party denies to the country any hope of relief on economic questions."

"I have nothing to take back; I have nothing to withdraw of the things that I have said of the methods pursued to advance his candidacy. It was a plain and deliberate attempt to deceive the party. The New York platform was vague and meaningless, and purposely so, because the advocates of Judge Parker were trying to secure votes among the people who would have opposed his views had they known them. If he had sent to the Albany convention the telegram that he sent to the St. Louis convention, he would have had very few instructed delegations in the South, and no possible chance for the nomination. But he and his major adroity and purposely concealed his position until the delegates had been corralled and the nomination assured. Then his friends attempted to secure the gold plank, which was overwhelmingly defeated in the committee. After the party had rejoiced over the harmony secured by the omission of the question, and after he had secured the nomination, he indicated his views upon the subject at a house where he could not be taken from the ticket without great demoralization. The nomination was secured, therefore, by crooked and indefensible methods, but the Democrats who love his country has to



A SUDDEN DROP IN BOYS' SUITS.

You are safe to get good things here. We have the pick of the markets. Boys especially looked after.

This week a decided drop all through the clothing market has been steady and strong, but the stock is stronger. There's counter after counter of the finest summer apparel for boys, and here're the modest figures that're buying it, now:

\$2.50 and \$3.00 Suits at.....\$1.95

\$4.50 and \$5.00 Suits at.....2.50

\$6.00 and \$7.00 Suits at.....3.50

\$8.50 and \$10.00 Suits at.....4.75

The Big Hat Sale on.
The \$4.00 and \$3.80 sale of men's shoes, in all leathers, at \$2.50, begun yesterday.

The summer clearance sale of Men's Suits is interesting men in all walks, and there's good reason for it, too.



make his decisions upon conditions as he finds them, not upon conditions as he would like to have them.

Fight Not Abandoned.
"After having stated that I shall support the ticket and after having given my reasons for doing so, I think it due to the Democrats of this city to say that while the fight on economic questions is postponed, it is not abandoned. As soon as the election is over, I shall, with the help of those who believe as I do, undertake to organize for the campaign of 1908, the object being to marshal the fields of popular government within the Democratic party, to the support of a radical and progressive policy, to make the Democratic party an efficient means in the hands of the people for securing relief from the plutocratic element that controls the Republican party and for the time being is in the control of the Democratic party. This party organization will be elaborated soon."

OFFERED TO GUFFEY.

But Pennsylvanian Wants Sheehan for Chairman.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PITTSBURGH, July 12.—With the return of James M. Guffey, the Pennsylvania Democratic leader, from St. Louis, it was said today that David B. Hill had offered him the national chairmanship and that he had declined it. Guffey's friends say that Sheehan is his choice for the place, though it has heretofore been understood that he was for Taggart, of Indiana.

It was also given out that Taggart is to be shifted to Chicago and placed in charge of the work.

Mr. Guffey announced to his friends that he would confine his political work to the money question. He said he was satisfied that the voters of Pennsylvania were free to revolt against the Republican administration, with its constantly increasing prices of living; that he expected to hear something different next November.

REFUSES TO TALK.

Mr. Davis Winding Up Affairs for the Campaign.

(By Associated Press.)
ELKINS, N. J., July 12.—Henry G. Davis, the Democratic candidate for Vice-President, still refuses to give any interviews. Since Sunday he has been working almost constantly, clearing up his business affairs for the campaign. On Thursday the thirty members of the Democratic and Manufacturers' Association, of Pittsburgh now touring West Virginia, will be entertained at "Graceland," the Davis country seat, and Saturday the senator will leave with Mrs. Lee, Mrs. John Davis and their children for Bedford Springs, Pa., where he has been every summer for fifty years. He expects to attend the State Convention at Parkersburg August 2d.

ORIGINAL PARKER MAN.

That Honor in Richmond Belongs to Hon. S. S. P. Patterson.

When any one raises the question as to the identity of the original Parker man, the only man to hazard a prophecy is the fact that the honor of first picking the Sphinx of Esopus as the Democratic presidential nominee belongs to Hon. S. S. P. Patterson.

Two years ago the old Dispatch sent a reporter to interview several well known Richmonders as to the views of the Democratic prospects for 1904 and the probable candidate for the presidency. The only man to hazard a prophecy at that time was Mr. Patterson, who suggested that Judge Alton B. Parker would be the man, or if not he, then Joseph W. Folk. Both were then little known over the country, though well known at home. That prediction of Mr. Patterson's has been fulfilled. Parker has been named for the presidency, and the other man, District Attorney Folk, of Allegheny, has been given the vice-presidential nomination for the gold standard.

ROAD TO SUCCESS HAS BEEN CLEARED

So Says Senator Hill in Statement Praising Parker and Congratulating Democrats.

(By Associated Press.)
ALBANY, N. Y., July 12.—Former Senator David B. Hill tonight gave the following interview on Judge Parker's declaration for the gold standard: "I am gratified that the convention so enthusiastically endorsed the brave and mainly stand of Judge Parker, and that the whole country has so favorably received it. The party is in the position in which it wished it to be, having endorsed the present gold standard. The financial question is now entirely out of the campaign and the Republicans are powerless to drag it in. The road to a successful campaign has been cleared."

MR. SHEEHAN NOT ANXIOUS

New Yorker Does Not Want to be National Chairman.

WOULD BE HAMPERED

Arranging for the Coming Campaign—Judge Parker Chases a Wild Horse.

(By Associated Press.)
ESOPUS, N. Y., July 12.—No date has been fixed for the meeting of the National Committee, but it will be in about two weeks. The date will be agreed upon by the leaders. In view of suggestions made that William F. Sheehan be selected for national chairman, it was said today that he is not anxious for that position, believing that he can be of more value to Judge Parker in other ways.

As chairman of the National Committee he would find himself hampered by much routine business, which would interfere with work he could otherwise do. Mr. Sheehan and his friends, it was understood, hope that the matter will be amicably settled.

The return of Mr. Sheehan from the St. Louis Convention yesterday marks the opening of the national Democratic campaign, which will be conducted from Esopus. Actual plans for the campaign have not been completed, but it is probable that Judge Parker will remain at Rosemont most of the summer and fall. His friends say that Judge Parker will advise in all questions of importance which may come up during the campaign.

Chased Horse by Candlelight.

Judge and Mrs. Parker dined with Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan this evening. Mr. Sheehan expects to entertain many political visitors at his summer home at Rosemont, between Esopus and West Park, where he will answer personally all congratulatory telegrams and messages. He spent several hours in this work today.

Judge Parker was routed out of bed at 1 o'clock this morning by one of his coach horses getting loose from the barn and galloping around the barn yard. He and Secretary McCausland dressed and went to the barn. They were unable to find a lantern, and Mr. McCausland finally brought a candle from the house. This dim light made it difficult to locate the horse, which continued moving around the barn yard. After ten minutes the animal was secured.

More Congratulations.

Telegrams of congratulation continue to pour in upon Judge Parker. Judge George Gray wired as follows from Wilmington, Delaware: "Congratulations on your nomination and on your brave and manly telegram."

—Hon. Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, telegraphed:

"Please accept my congratulations on your nomination."

—J. N. Street, Belair, Maryland: "The Democratic editors of Maryland, through their president, congratulate you on your nomination and telegram."

HOW IT LOOKS.

Mr. Stearnes, of Newport News, Talks of Political Situation.

Hon. L. P. Stearnes, of Newport News, member of the House of Delegates from that city and a prominent business man of that section, spoke tonight at the Hotel Carlton, 215 South Main Street. Mr. Stearnes is coal contractor for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and directs the large contracts of that company. He spoke for the coal trade. He stated last night that the largest coal dumpings in the history of Newport News were in the last few days. He said that the coal was being dumped into the holds of steamers and all sorts of craft. This high average, which he expressed in a rough way, when the dumping aggregated 250,000 tons.

Mr. Stearnes was asked as to the cause of the increase in the price of coal. He replied that he knew nothing of conditions in the anthracite market, as his work had to do only with the New River and Kanawha fields. In that commodity he said there had been no increase, and on the contrary steam coal was very cheap.

Asked as to politics in his section and the outlook for the gubernatorial struggle, he expressed the opinion that Mr. Swanson was considerably stronger than any other aspirant, though Judge McKim was also strong there and was the unpopular quantity.

He did not regard Mr. Willard as so strong in his section of the State as Mr. Swanson, nor even as Judge McKim.

RICHMONDER WILL BE IMPERIAL ORIENTAL GUIDE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PLANT CITY, July 12.—At Friday's session of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, now in convocation here, George L. Street, of Richmond, Va., will be elected Imperial Oriental. He will be elected Imperial Oriental. He will be elected Imperial Oriental. He will be elected Imperial Oriental.

MAYOR JONES, OF TOLEDO, DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

(By Associated Press.)
TOLEDO, O., July 12.—Samuel M. Jones, the Golden Rule Mayor, died at his home this evening at 5:30 o'clock, as the result of a complication of diseases. The immediate cause of his death was an abscess on his lungs. The death of Mayor Jones has caused the greatest sorrow all over the city. He leaves a widow and three sons, Percy, Paul and Mason Jones.

Colored Bailiff Named.

United States Marshal Morgan Treat yesterday made the eight mile ascent of Mount Washington in thirty-one minutes fifteen seconds, breaking the previous record by seventeen minutes forty-four seconds. Today he lowered his own figure nearly three minutes, going up the mountain in twenty-eight minutes nineteen and two-fifths seconds.

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The Rush at St. Louis All One Way.

It is not quite as bad as that with us, but our sales for the past two months have never been equalled before in our past history, and ours is the

PIANO HISTORY

of this city and State, for we have been here nearly twenty-five years, and what is better still, the increased demand for this

HIGHER GRADE

Instruments tells its own tale. From people have been fooled into buying trash, as being "just as good as"—you know the rest—and have found out their mistake and now they come to the

OLD RELIABLE HOUSE

to get them out of their troubles by exchanging for one of our "ALWAYS GIVES SATISFACTION" PIANOS.

Just make up your mind that if you can't be suited here, you can't anywhere. If you wish new pianos, you find the world's best among

Steinway, Weber, Knabe, Hardman, Standard, Haines, Wheelock, Kimball.

No difficulty being suited among these. But should you wish a slightly used Upright, we can supply you this week, from the best assortment we have had for a long time. Among them are some of the very best makes. Call early and see the display.

Remember no one can undersell us, and we make the terms to suit you.

A VICTOR TALKING MACHINE

(will add very much to your pleasure this season. Sounds as well on the latest records. We have thousands of them.

Walter D. Moses & Co.,

103 E. Broad St.

Oldest Music House in Virginia.

MR. THOS. FRYAN'S GENEROUS DEED

Gives His Personal Check for \$2,500, to Complete Virginia Building at St. Louis.

Mr. Thomas F. Rylan, the wealthy New York railroad man, whose legal residence is in Virginia, has greatly endeared himself to the people of his native State by giving his individual check for \$2,500, the amount which they inform me he did not regard Mr. Willard as so strong in his section of the State as Mr. Swanson, nor even as Judge McKim.

Mr. Rylan visited the Virginia building while in attendance upon the St. Louis convention last week, as a delegate from this State, and upon being informed of the amount of the completion of the building, he sent his check to Governor Montague for \$2,500 in the enclosed letter:

St. Louis, Mo., July 9, 1904.

Hon. A. J. Montague, Governor of State of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

Very truly,
THOMAS F. RYAN.

Governor Montague made grateful acknowledgment to Mr. Rylan, and at once forwarded the very handsome donation to the Virginia Commission, now at St. Louis.

This generous action on the part of Mr. Rylan means the speedy completion of the building and the unqualified success of the Virginia exhibit.

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The work of excavating for the foundations will begin on Monday, and the penitentiary board will be asked to furnish fifty convicts to do this work.

Mr. William Gibson, Jr., a well-known builder of this city and a former member of the Common Council, was elected clerk of the works, and he will go on duty upon the direction of the Executive Committee of the commission.

The executive committee, which is composed of Governor Montague, chairman, and Messrs. Schley and Anderson, will meet at 11 o'clock this morning to attend to executing the bonds of the contractor and the signing of the contract.

Other details relating to the work are to be looked after by the executive, who will be on the ground all the time.

It is likely that the Capitol offices will be removed early next week, though at this time all of the locations have not been finally selected.

The breaking of ground for what promises to be a splendid Capitol building will be held with a flourish here, as well as throughout the State, and it will likely be ready for occupancy at least by January 1st, 1906. The original building will be left intact.

ARMY SAID TO HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT

(Continued from First Page.)

Mukden, dated July 12th, says:

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General Staff Not Informed.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, July 12.—A. M.—The general staff has received no information regarding the reported attack on Port Arthur and the loss of 30,000 Japanese killed or wounded by Russian mines.

SAYS 28,000 KILLED.

Morning Post's Shanghai Correspondent Makes Report of Disaster.

(By Associated Press.)
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WAS OVERHAULED.

British Steamer Stopped by Russians on High Seas and Inspected.

PERIM, STRAITS OF BAB-EL-MANDEB, July 12.—The British steamer, *Albatross*, which arrived here tonight, reports that she and the British steamer, *Crewa Hall*, stopped on June 11 in the Red Sea, south of Jeddo, by the Russian volunteer fleet steamer, *St. Petersburg*, which carried eight guns, and a large crew. Both steamers were boarded and all their papers and manifests overhauled. The vessel was detained four hours, after which the *St. Petersburg* steamer sailed northward.

SERIES OF BATTLES.

Russians Retreat From Post to Post, With Oku on the Trail.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, July 12.—A. P.—The Japanese Takuhan shi in moving northwest from Suifu, at 11 o'clock, a series of small battles with the Russians on July 9th and 10th. The army is divided into two columns, which advanced against the Russians. When the first column approached Chai-Kuan-Ching, the Russians retreated through the valley, but at 5 o'clock in the evening took up a position on the heights west of Chou-Chia-Chang. The Russians were dislodged at dusk, and the column advanced toward Taku. They attacked the advance line of the Russians near Shu-Tang-Taku. The Russians were reinforced and compelled the

"WHY PAY MORE?"